

# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY Region V



Subject:

POLREP #1

Initial

Warren Steel Holdings

C5AV Warren, OH

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Date:

4/29/2017

Reporting Period:

4/27/2017 through 4/29/2017

#### 1. Introduction

## 1.1 Background

Site Number:

C5AV

**Contract Number:** 

D.O. Number:

Action Memo Date:

Response Authority: CERCLA

Response Type:

Emergency

Response Lead:

EPA

Incident Category:

Removal Action

NPL Status:

Non NPL

**Operable Unit:** 

4/27/2017

**Mobilization Date:** 

4/27/2017

Start Date:

mulation Date:

**Demob Date:** 

Completion Date:

CERCLIS ID:

RCRIS ID:

**ERNS No.:** 

State Notification:

yes

FPN#:

Reimbursable Account #:

# 1.1.1 Incident Category Emergency Removal

### 1.1.2 Site Description

WSH is a former 400-acre steel manufacturing facility. The site was in operation from at least the 1940s, and all operations official ceased at the facility in January 2016. EPA is assessing wastes left behind at the facility for a possible EPA Time Critical Removal Action.

### 1.1.2.1 Location

4000 Mahoning Street, Warren, Ohio.

### 1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

The current action is an Emergency Response to a release suspected from 2 above ground storage tanks. The tanks were labeled as Sulfuric Acid and Ferric Chloride, and released to the same containment area. This containment area appears to have been overflowing for some period of time as evidenced by staining on the ground and into an adjacent deeper pit. This is on the exterior of a facility building and open to impact by weather conditions and direct contact to anyone on the property. The tanks and containment area are located less than 150 feet from the Mahoning River. EPA contacted Ohio EPA and informed them of the situation and expected actions.

# 1.1.3 Preliminary Removal Assessment/Removal Site Inspection Results

#### 2.1.1 Narrative

This is an Emergency Response initiated during a planned Site Assessment due to an identified uncontrolled release.

#### 2.1.2 Response Actions to Date

On April 27, 2017, EPA initiated a removal action. EPA mobilized the ERRS contractor and three 6,300-gallon tanks to transfer the released acidic waste into for storage pending disposal. EPA worked until 11:30 pm to stabilize as much material as possible. Poor light conditions and excessive worker hours dictated suspension of activities for the night.

On April 28, 2017, EPA and ERRS returned to the site. The remainder of acidic waste from the secondary containment was pumped out, and sludgy solids were physically removed from the containment area. Impacted liquids from the adjacent pit were also pumped down to allow for more freeboard in the pit due to active and incoming rain. Operations were suspended for the day at dark. Samples were collected from the acidic wastes which had been pumped into the temporary storage tanks and will be delivered to an off site laboratory for disposal analysis.

On April 29, 2017, EPA and ERRS returned to the site and completed decontamination of the secondary containment, checked the tanks and verified that they were now empty, and secured the tanks and drums in the fenced area of the site to await disposal. EPA will return once disposal approval is obtained and remove the wastes off site to a CERCLA approved disposal facility.

# 2.1.3 Enforcement Activities, Identity of Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs) Ongoing.

#### 2.1.4 Progress Metrics

Waste Stream	Medium	Quantity	Manifest #	Treatment	Disposal
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#### 2.2 Planning Section

#### 2.2.1 Anticipated Activities

Dispose of collected acidic wastes.

Decontaminate and Demobilize temporary storage tanks.

#### 2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities

Decontaminate temporary storage tanks

Disposal.

#### 2.2.1.2 Next Steps

Conduct disposal actions.

EPA contemplating Time--Critical Removal Action for the remainder of the hazardous wastes on site.

#### **2.2.2 Issues**

None at this time.

# 2.3 Logistics Section

ERRS provided all logistics for the site

#### 2.4 Finance Section

#### 2.4.1 Narrative

EPA Branch Chief verbally authorized a \$50,000 ceiling for this Emergency Removal.

#### **Estimated Costs \***

	Budgeted	Total To Date	Remaining	% Remaining
Extramural Costs				
ERRS - Cleanup Contractor	\$50,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$40,000.00	80.00%
Intramural Costs				
USEPA - Direct	\$10,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$7,000.00	70.00%
Total Site Costs	\$60,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$47,000.00	78.33%

<sup>\*</sup> The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The OSC does not necessarily receive specific figures on final payments made to any

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# **2.5.2 Liaison Officer** OSC Steve Wolfe

# **2.5.3 Information Officer** OSC Steve Wolfe

### 3. Participating Entities

**3.1 Unified Command** OSC Steve Wolfe

**3.2 Cooperating Agencies** OSC Steve Wolfe

#### 4. Personnel On Site

OSC Steve Wolfe/Jeff Kimble

ERRS - 3 personnel

# 5. Definition of Terms

WSH = Warren Steel Holdings S.U. = Standard Units

# 6. Additional sources of information

**6.1** Internet location of additional information/report None exist.

**6.2 Reporting Schedule** As directed by the OSC.

### 7. Situational Reference Materials

None.